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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week



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## Today

- Isolated severe storms capable of producing large hail possible in S NM.

## Tomorrow

- No significant weather impacts expected.

## Thursday

- Isolated strong to severe storms capable of producing large hail possible across OK/TX Panhandle.

## Friday

- Scattered strong to severe storms possible across OK. Main threat will be large hail.
- Critical fire weather conditions possible for E&S NM/W TX and the TX/OK Panhandles.

## Saturday

- Isolated strong to severe storms possible in AR/LA. Main threat will be damaging winds.

## River Flooding

- Moderate to major flooding will continue through March on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA.
  - Impacts to shipping and industrial activities on the river, with numerous flooded roadways near the river.
  - All points have crested and many areas are forecast to drop into moderate to minor flood stage by early next week.
- A few rivers in portions of AR/LA will remain in minor flood stage with minimal impacts.

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 26, 2019 – Mar 30, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms	C&S NM/Far W TX		OK/TX Panhandle	OK	AR/LA
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter Weather					
Fire Weather			E NM	E&S NM/W TX TX/OK Panhandles	
River Flooding	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

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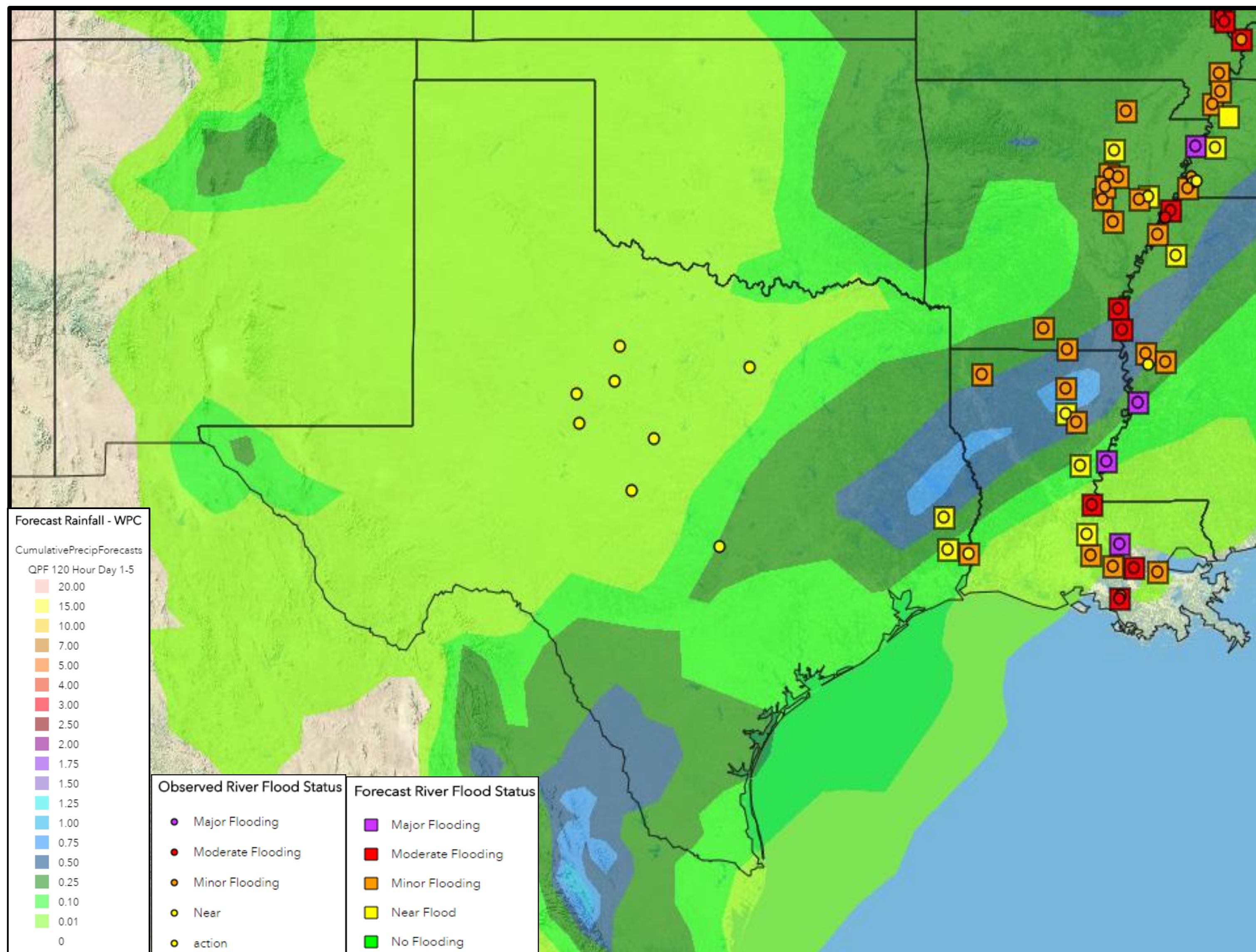


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



**Moderate to Major flooding will continue through March on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA. All points have crested and many areas are forecast to drop into moderate to minor flood stage by early next week.**

## Arkansas

- MS River is in moderate to major flood in eastern AR, with flooding of county roads/fields along the river and most land inside the levee protections.

## Louisiana

- MS River at Baton Rouge is at Major flood. Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected.
- The Bonnet Carre Spillway is operating to reduce flow and maintain just under a 17.0ft stage at New Orleans. No significant impacts are noted.

**A few rivers in AR/LA are in minor flood stage with minimal impacts.**



# Today's Weather



**Isolated severe storms  
capable of producing large  
hail possible in C&S NM  
into Far West TX.**

## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall



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# Tomorrow's Weather

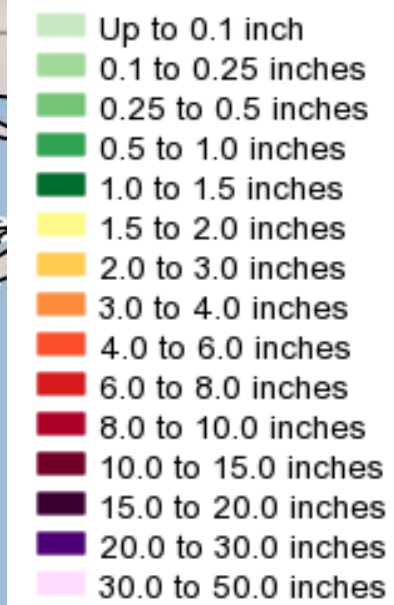
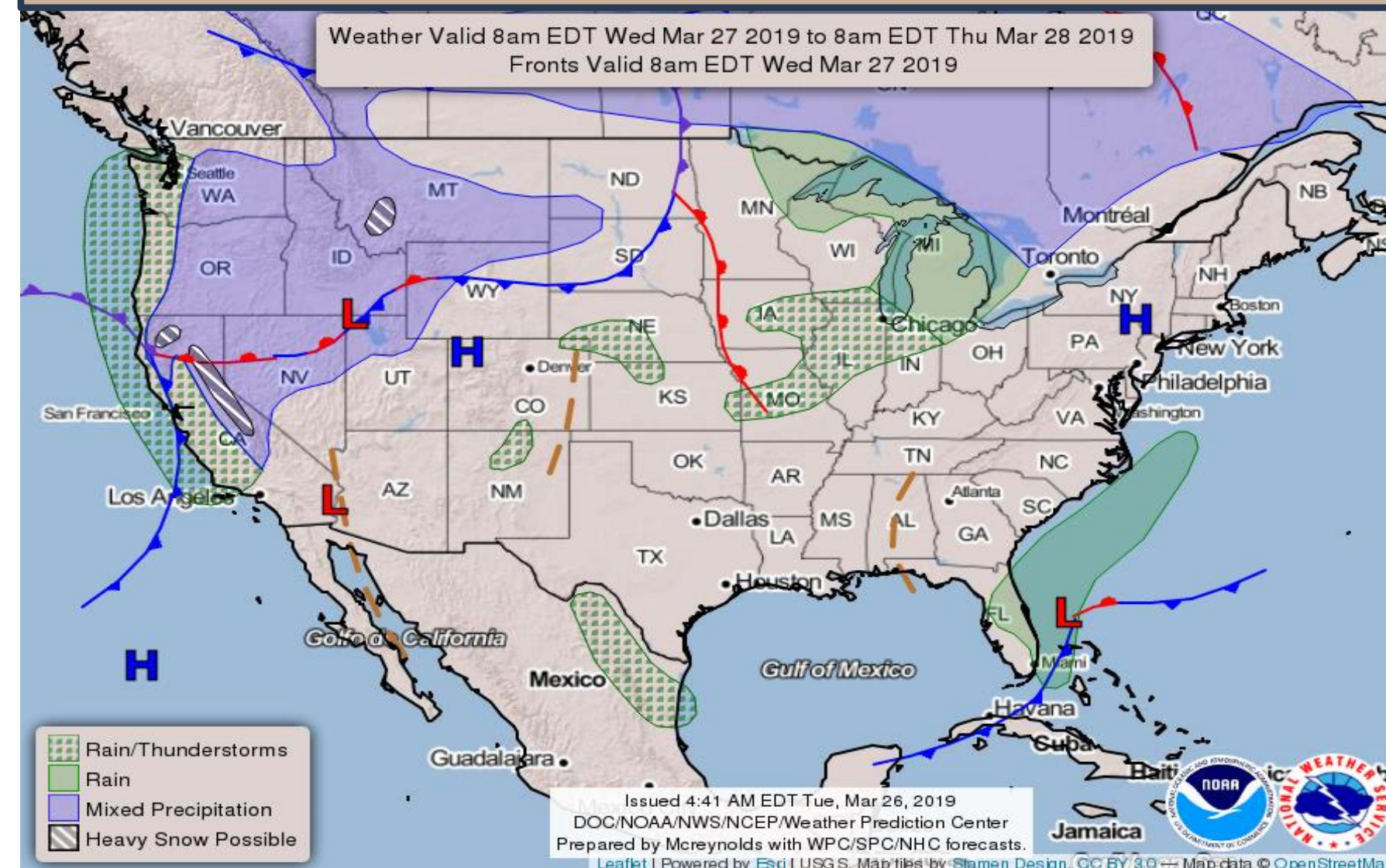


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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

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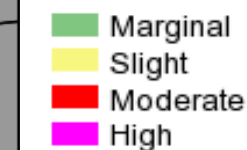
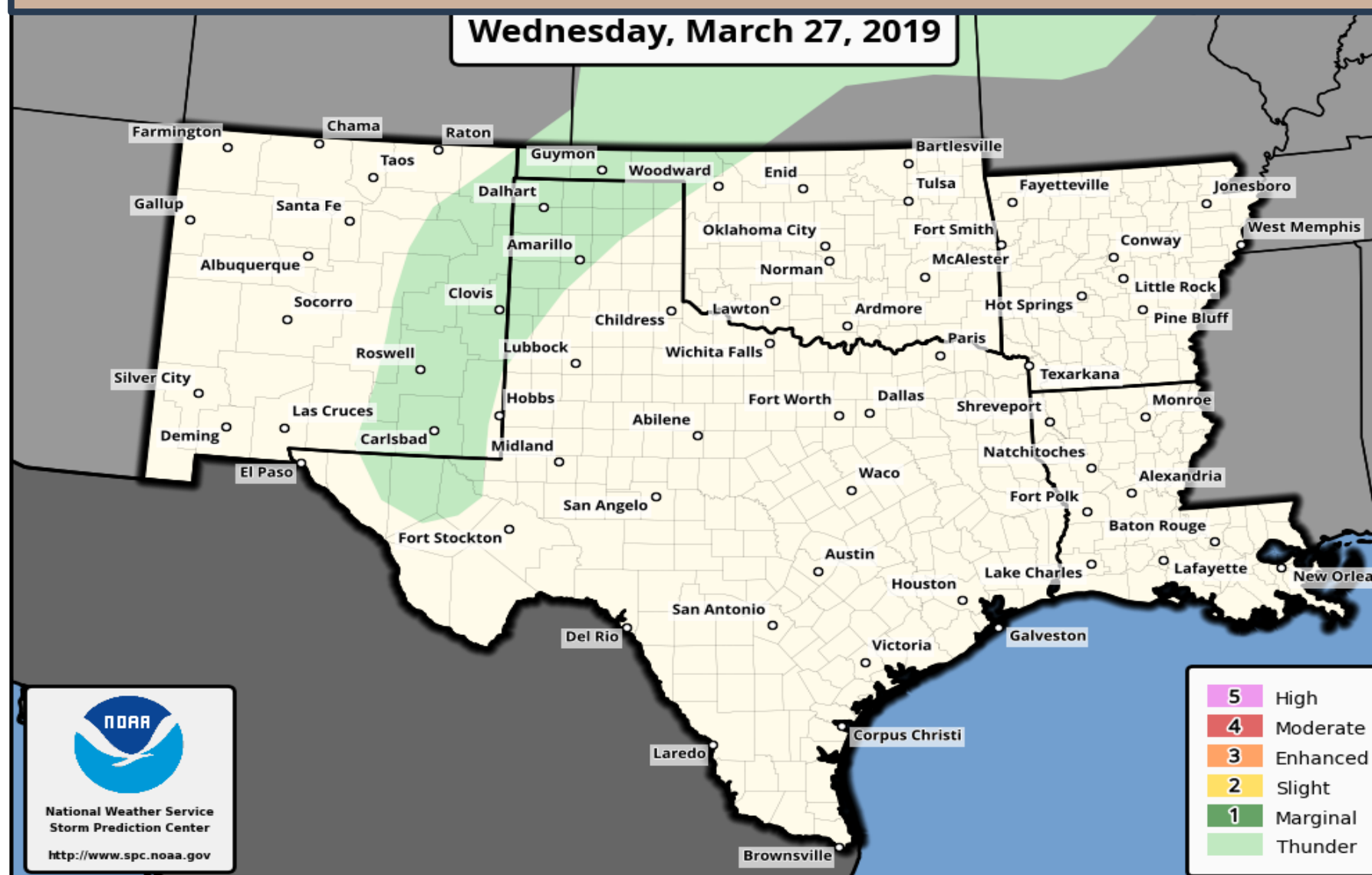


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## Severe Weather Outlook

## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





# Thursday's Weather

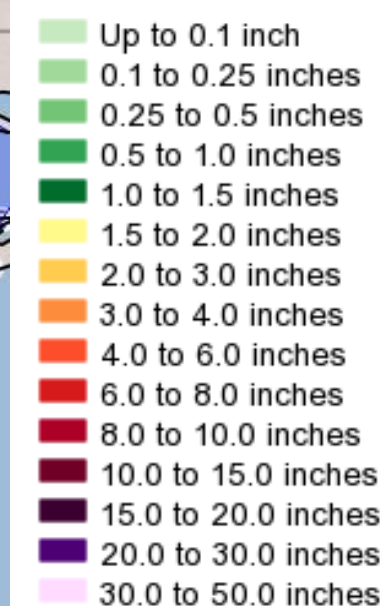
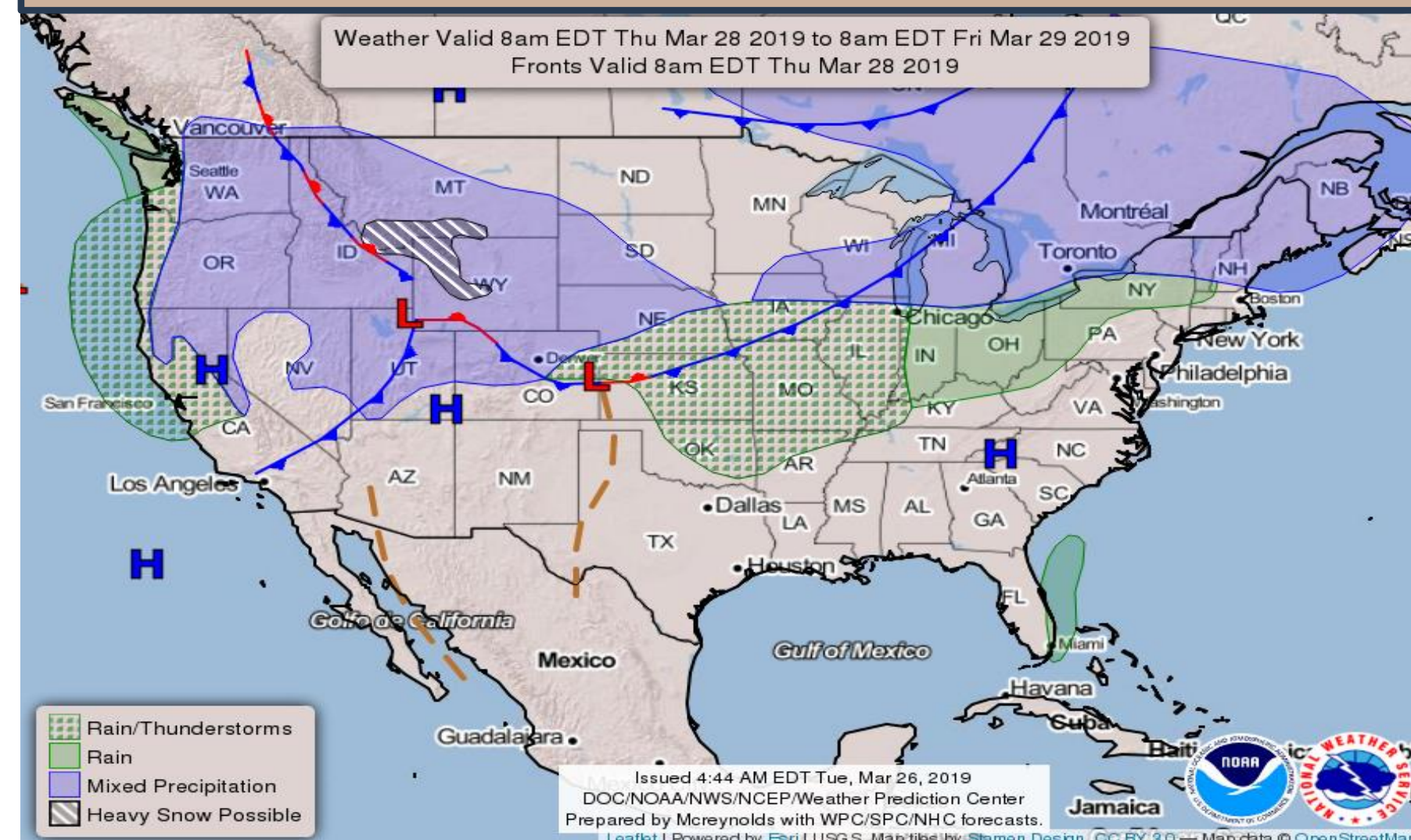


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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

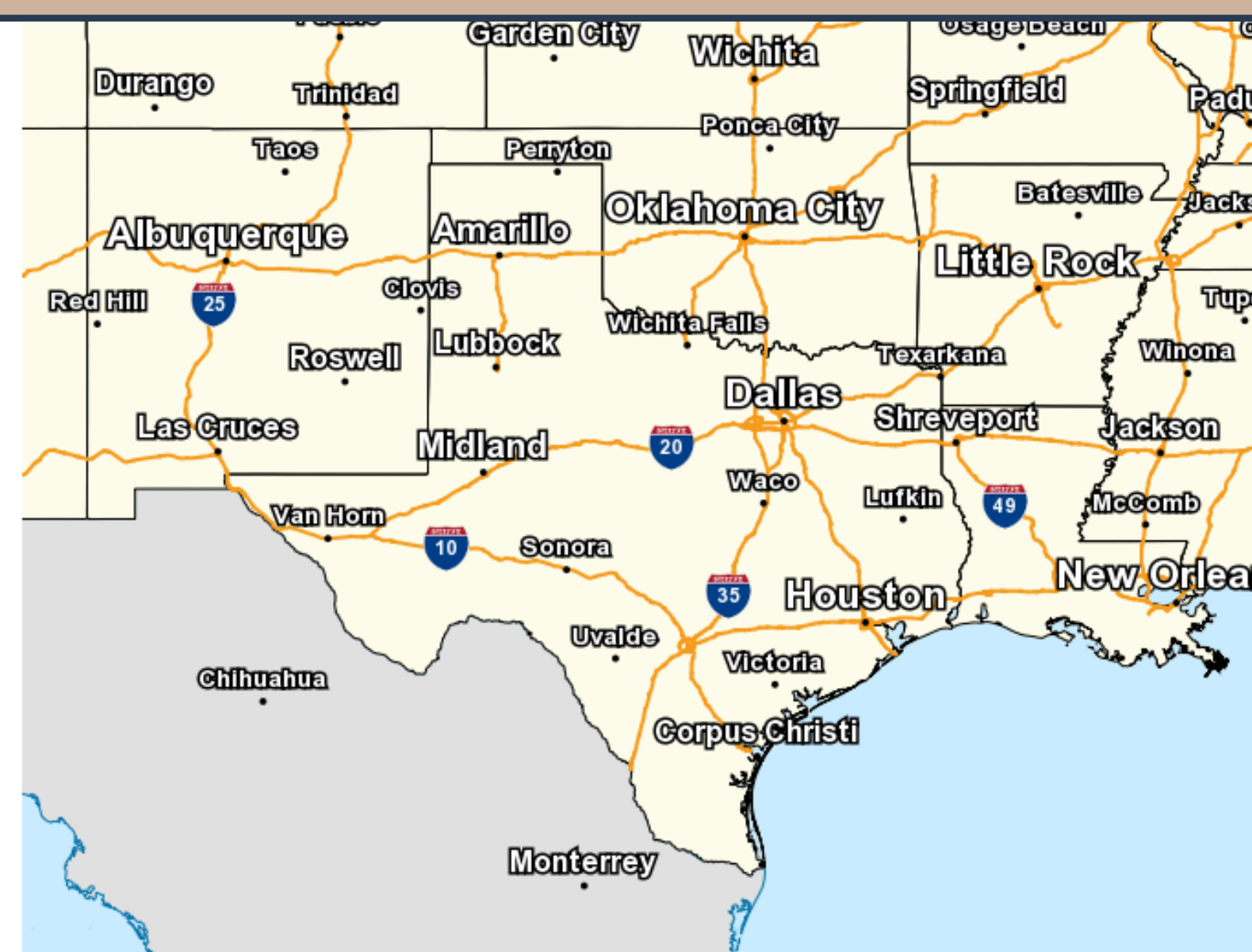
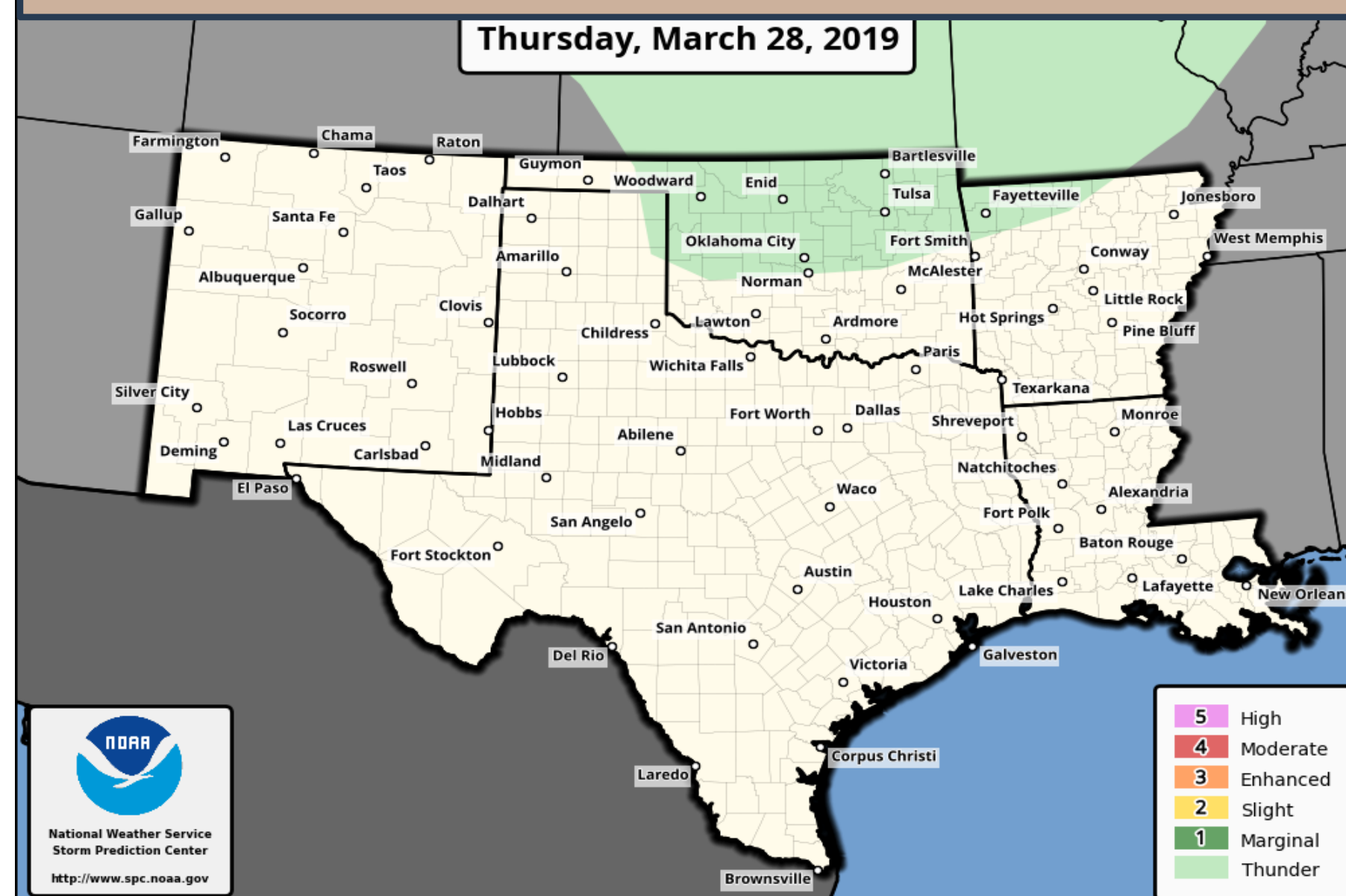
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thunderstorms possible  
across OK/TX Panhandle.



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## Severe Weather Outlook

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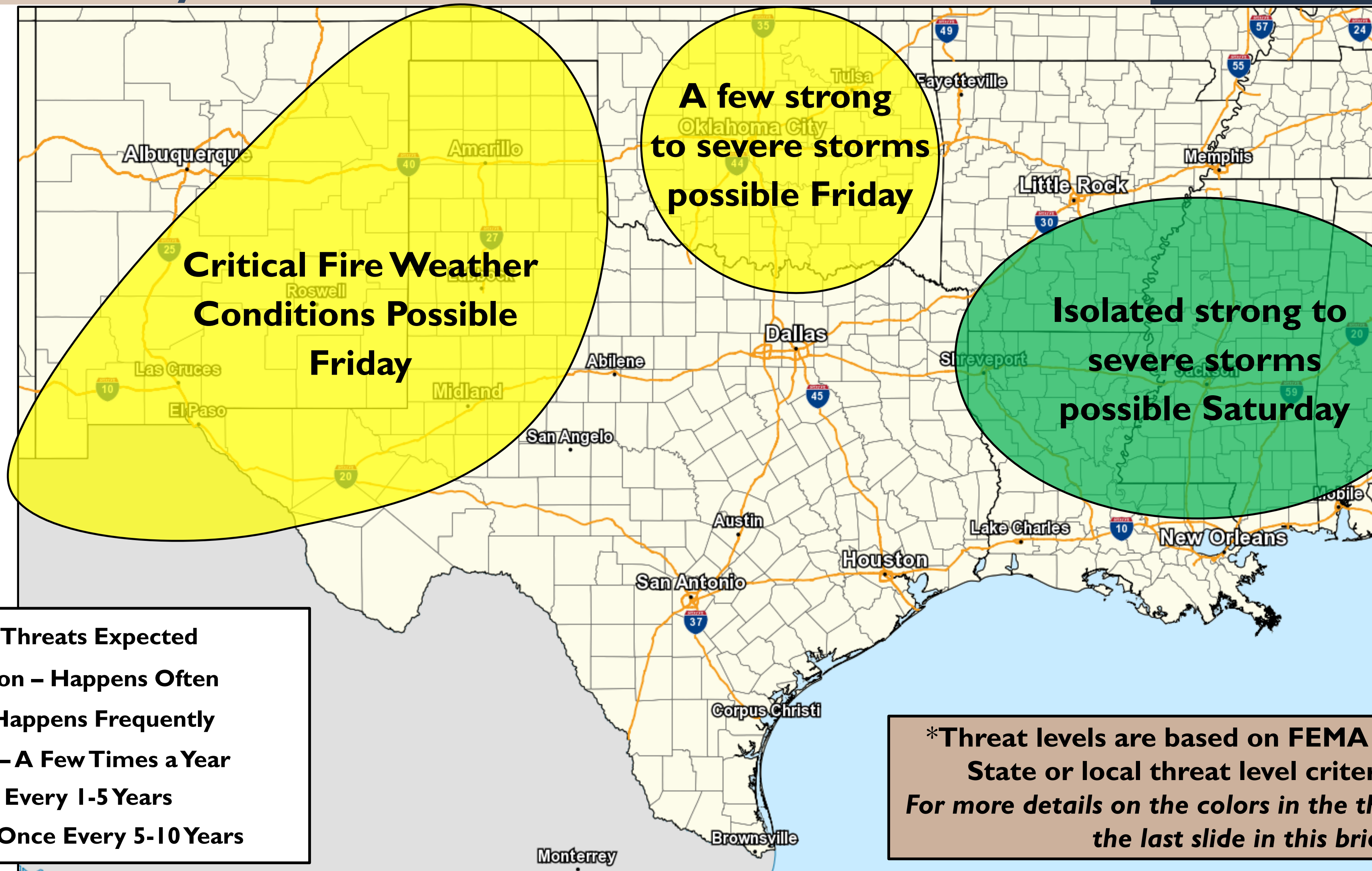


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



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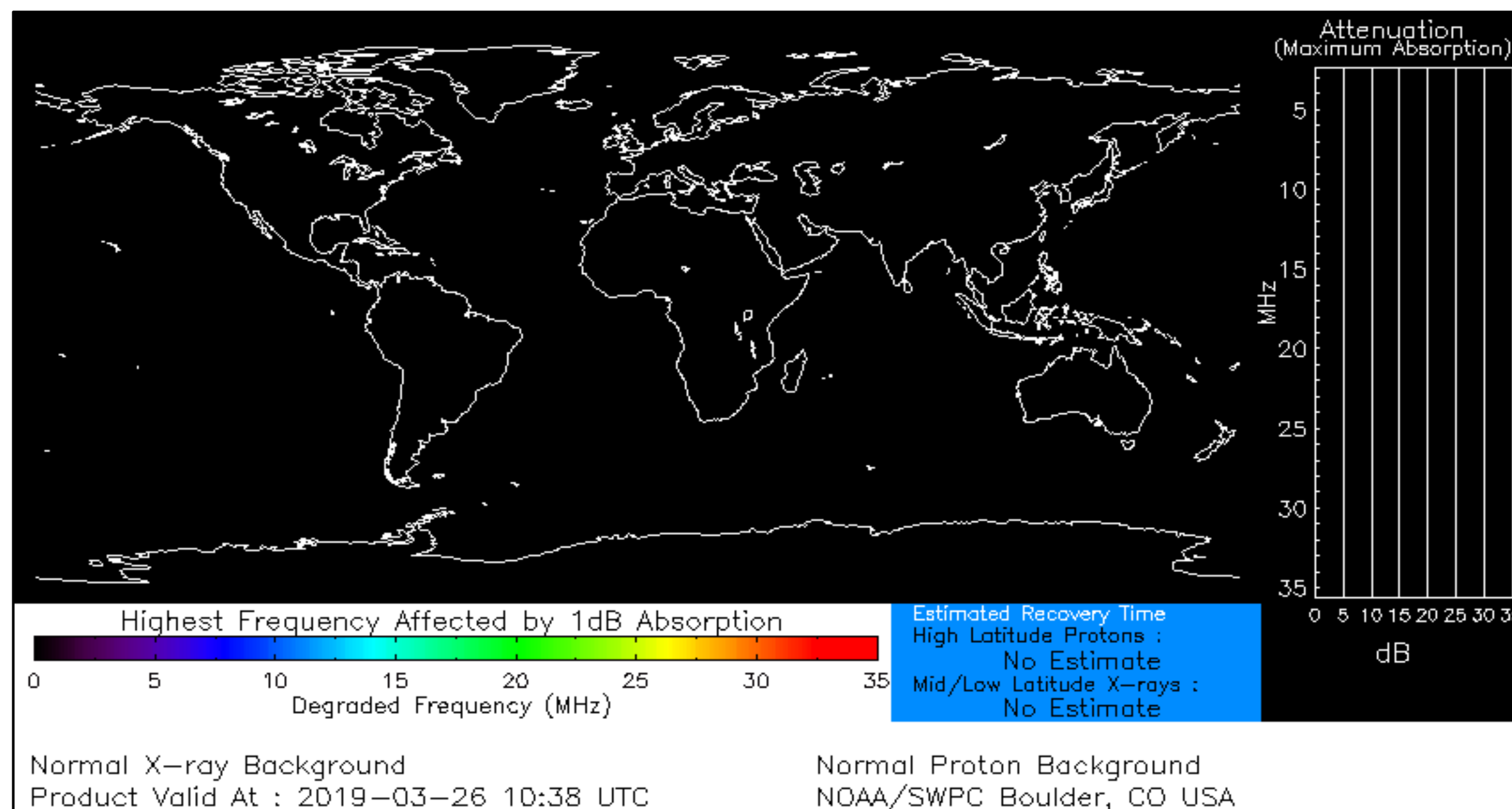


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



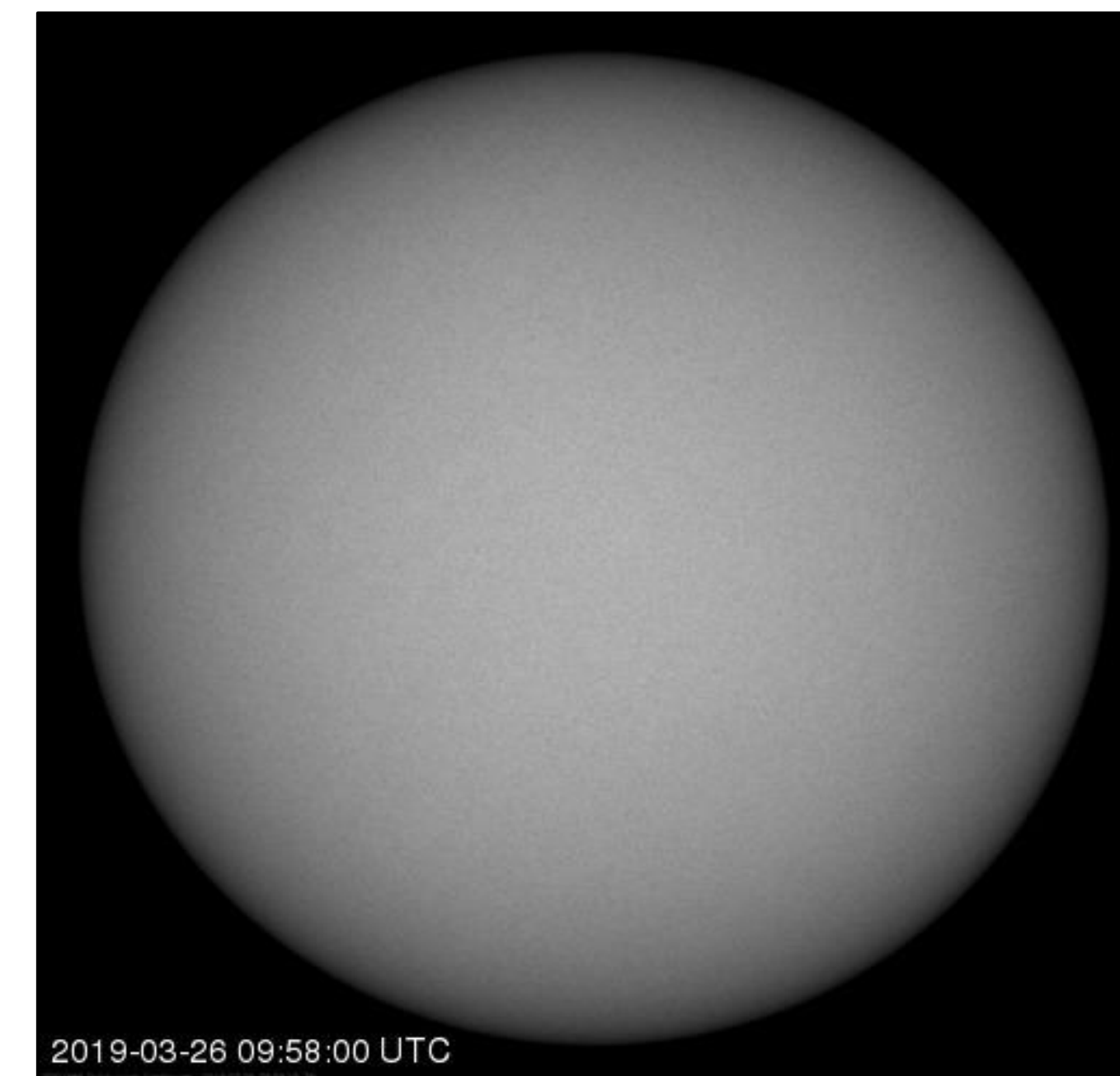
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	5%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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